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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON ME AND SECRETARY'S
TV INTERVIEW

1. JUXTAPOSITION OF SOVIET PRESS ARTICLES STRESSING
TENUOUS NATURE OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI STABILIZATION
AGREEMENT AND REPORT OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE
WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON SUPPORT FOR U.S.-USSR DETENTE
APPEARS INTENDED TO PLAY DOWN U.S. SOLO DIPLOMATIC
EFFORTS AND TO PLAY UP CONTINUED NEED FOR SOVIET ME
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2. SOVIET PRESS NOVEMBER 14 ACCUSES ISRAEL OF VIOLATING ME CEASE-FIRE AND CEASE-FIRE STABILIZATION AGREEMENT. MAJOR DAILIES PLAY TASS ITEM REPORTING ISRAELI TANK ACTION AGAINST EGYPTIANS AROUND SUEZ EVENING NOVEMBER 10-11, FINNISH DEFENSE MINISTRY'S STATEMENT ON ISRAELI ATTACK ON UN CHECKPOINT, AND NEW YORK TASS STORY ON SYRIAN LETTER TO UNSYG ACCUSING ISRAEL OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF POSITIONS SEIZED AFTER OCTOBER 22 CEASE-FIRE. PRAVDA CARRIES LENGTHY STORY ON ISRAELI REFUSAL TO ALLOW JOURNALISTS TO SUEZ. REPORT SAYS ISRAEL, IN VIOLATION OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT, HAS REFUSED TO RELINQUISH SUEZ HIGHWAY TO UNEF AND QUOTES EGYPTIAN OFFICER AS SAYING ISRAEL IS OBSTRUCTING NORMAL SUPPLY OF SUEZ.

3. MAJOR DAILIES ALSO CARRY NEW YORK-DATELINED TASS ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY'S TV INTERVIEW IN PEKING (WHICH DOES NOT MENTION FACT THAT INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN PEKING). ACCOUNT SAYS SECRETARY DENIED ME CRISIS EXPOSED DETENTE AS A MYTH AND QUOTES MOST OF HIS RATIONALE FOR DETENTE. ON ME SITUATION, PRAVDA REPORTS TWO U.S. OBJECTIVES: STABILIZE CEASE-FIRE AND HOLD PEACE CONFERENCE. ITEM ALSO REPORTS SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ISRAEL BECAUSE THIS MAY BE NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AND HIS DENIAL THAT ARAB OIL BOYCOTT IS INFLUENCING U.S. POSITION.
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